

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for identifying a particular caller, said method comprising:  
  
detecting a voice utterance at an origin device;  
  
5 identifying a caller identity associated with said voice utterance at said origin device, such that said caller identity is transmittable as an authenticated identity of said caller for a call.
2. The method for identifying a particular caller according to claim 1, further comprising:  
  
prompting said caller to provide said voice utterance.
3. The method for identifying a particular caller according to claim 1, further comprising:  
  
prompting said caller to enter an additional input to verify said caller identity.
4. The method for identifying a particular caller according to claim 1, wherein identifying a caller identity further comprises:  
  
extracting speech characteristics from said voice utterance; and  
  
5 comparing said speech characteristics with a plurality of voice samples stored for identifying a plurality of callers.
5. The method for identifying a particular caller according to claim 1, further comprising:

transmitting said voice utterance to a third party device via a network; and

5 receiving said caller identity from said third party device.

6. The method for identifying a particular caller according to claim 1, further comprising:

requesting a voice sample for said particular caller from a third party device accessible  
via a network; and

5 receiving said voice sample for said particular caller for enabling authenticating of said  
caller identity.

7. The method for identifying a particular caller according to claim 1, further comprising:

initiating a call from said origin device to an intermediary device; and

5 forwarding said caller identity with said call initiation to said intermediary device,  
wherein said intermediary device is enabled to forward said caller identity to a destination device  
to process said call.

8. The method for identifying a particular caller according to claim 1, wherein said origin  
device is a call center.

9. The method for identifying a particular caller according to claim 1, wherein said origin  
device is a private exchange network.

10. The method for identifying a particular caller according to claim 1, wherein said origin  
device is a telephony device.

11. The method for identifying a particular caller according to claim 1, wherein said caller identity comprises at least one from among a caller name, a caller location, a subject of said call, and a device identification.

12. A system for identifying a particular caller, said system comprising:

an origin telephony device;

5 means for detecting a voice utterance at said origin telephony device;

means for identifying a caller identity associated with said voice utterance at said origin telephony device, such that said caller identity is transmittable as an authenticated identity of said caller for a call.

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13. The system for identifying a particular caller according to claim 12, further comprising:

means for prompting said caller to provide said voice utterance.

14. The system for identifying a particular caller according to claim 12, further comprising:

means for prompting said caller to enter an additional input to verify said caller identity.

15. The system for identifying a particular caller according to claim 12, wherein said means for identifying a caller identity further comprises:

means for extracting speech characteristics from said voice utterance; and

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means for comparing said speech characteristics with a plurality of voice samples stored for identifying a plurality of callers.

16. The system for identifying a particular caller according to claim 12, further comprising:

means for transmitting said voice utterance to a third party device via a network; and

5 means for receiving said caller identity from said third party device.

17. The system for identifying a particular caller according to claim 12, further comprising:  
means for requesting a voice sample for said particular caller from a third party device  
accessible via a network; and

5 means for receiving said voice sample for said particular caller for enabling  
authenticating of said caller identity.

18. The system for identifying a particular caller according to claim 12, further comprising:  
  
means for initiating a call from said origin telephony device to an intermediary telephony  
device; and

5 means for forwarding said caller identity with said call initiation to said intermediary  
telephony device, wherein said intermediary telephony device is enabled to forward said caller  
identity to a destination telephony device in processing said call.

19. The system for identifying a particular caller according to claim 12, wherein said origin  
telephony device is a call center.

20. The system for identifying a particular caller according to claim 12, wherein said origin  
telephony device is a private exchange network.

21. The system for identifying a particular caller according to claim 12, wherein said origin  
5 device is an individual telephone.

22. The system for identifying a particular caller according to claim 12, wherein said origin

device is a computer system communicatively connected to a network enabled for voice communications.

23. The system for identifying a particular caller according to claim 12, wherein said caller identity comprises at least one from among a caller name, a caller location, a subject of said call, and a device identification.

24. A computer program product for identifying a particular caller, said computer program product comprising:

a recording medium;

means, recorded on said recording medium, for detecting a voice utterance at said origin telephony device;

means, recorded on said recording medium, for authenticating a caller identity associated with said voice utterance at said origin telephony device.

25. The computer program product for identifying a particular caller according to claim 24, further comprising:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for prompting said caller to provide said voice utterance.

26. The computer program product for identifying a particular caller according to claim 24, further comprising:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for prompting said caller to enter an additional input to verify said caller identity.

27. The computer program product for identifying a particular caller according to claim 24, further comprising:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for extracting speech characteristics from said voice utterance; and

means, recorded on said recording medium, for comparing said speech characteristics with a plurality of voice samples stored for identifying a plurality of callers.

28. The computer program product for identifying a particular caller according to claim 24, further comprising:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for transmitting said voice utterance to a third  
5 party device via a network; and

means, recorded on said recording medium, for receiving said caller identity from said third party device.

29. The computer program product for identifying a particular caller according to claim 24, further comprising:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for requesting a voice sample for said  
5 particular caller from a third party device accessible via a network; and

means, recorded on said recording medium, for receiving said voice sample for said particular caller for enabling authenticating of said caller identity.

30. The computer program product for identifying a particular caller according to claim 24, further comprising:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for initiating a call from said origin telephony  
5 device to an intermediary telephony device; and

means, recorded on said recording medium, for forwarding said caller identity with said call initiation to said intermediary telephony device, wherein said intermediary telephony device



is enabled to forward said caller identity to a destination telephony device in processing said call.

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31. A method for identifying a caller, said method comprising:

detecting a biometric input at a biometric enabled origin device;

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identifying a caller identity associated with said biometric input at said origin device, such that said caller identity is transmittable as an authenticated identity of said caller for a call.

32. The method for identifying a caller according to claim 31, wherein said biometric input comprises at least one from among an eye print, a finger print, a voice input, and a body heat scan.

33. A method for identifying a caller to a call, comprising:

detecting a call request at an origin device;

accessing a third party system enabled to authenticate a caller identity;

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receiving a prompting from said third party system to provide a voice utterance;

responsive to detecting a voice utterance at said origin device, transferring said voice utterance to said third party system; and

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receiving, from said third party system, an authenticated identity of said caller according to said voice utterance.

34. The method for identifying a caller according to claim 33, wherein accessing a third party system further comprises:

accessing said third party system via a trusted telephone network.

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35. The method for identifying a caller according to claim 33, wherein accessing a third party system further comprises:

accessing said third party system via a network comprising at least one of the Internet, an intranet, and a private line.

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36. A method for caller identification, comprising:

detecting a call request at an origin device;

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detecting a voice utterance at said origin device from a caller;

accessing a third party system for a voice imprint corresponding to said voice utterance;

15 authenticating an identity of said caller identified in said voice imprint by matching said accessed voice imprint with said voice utterance.